

SUBJECT No. 269.

A Mahomedan Assistant to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Mr. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—A Mahomedan Assistant may be appointed to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in order to make the Mahomedans understand the real benefits of such societies and to induce them to start them.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 270.

Touring of important officers of the State.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It may be ordered that the important State officers should tour for a fixed number of days in a year to enable them to study the condition of the people and their wants.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 271.

Encouragement to indigenous talent.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—No outsider should be brought in to fill up vacancies in the lower grades of the public service. Appointments in the higher grades of the public service should be given only to the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja, born or domiciled. If exceptionally brilliant talent is required to infuse fresh blood into the State service let such exceptional talent be introduced into the public service by nomination by His Highness the Maharaja.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 272.

Encouragement to the sons of patels and shanbhogs.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk; and H. C. Subba Rao, Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Preference may be given to the sons of shanbhogs and patels if they possess the necessary educational qualifications in filling up vacancies in government service in the various departments. This will serve as an inducement to village servants to educate their sons and discharge their duties faithfully.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 273.

Loan to Government officials.

Mr. M. L. Narasimha Iyengar, Y. S. V. Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Officials on Rs. 50 and below, on transfer from one station to another, are obliged to contract debts in adjusting their affairs at the old station. Government may therefore be pleased to grant to such officials a loan from the Life Insurance Fund in proportion to their pay, carrying interest at the Savings Bank rate and repayable in 10 or 12 instalments, to enable them to adjust their affairs and to purchase provisions at the harvest season. Such a step will tend to official purity and efficiency.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 274.

(a) An additional sitting of the Representative Assembly at Bangalore every year.

(b) Another session of the Representative Assembly during Birthday Celebration.

(a) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(b) Mr. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) One more sitting of the Representative Assembly should be held every year in Bangalore six months after Dasara.

(b) It has been found by experience that the subjects brought forward at the Representative Assembly are not fully threshed out owing to want of time. Another similar meeting may be arranged for at the time of the Birthday Celebration of His Highness the Maharaja when the

Dasara subjects may be allowed to be discussed. Only a few subjects need be discussed at the special session.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The session may be commenced earlier than now, say, on the *Ekadasi*; or the holidays may be extended.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Election of members to the Representative Assembly.

Mr. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Members of the Assembly who are elected by the Local and Municipal Boards and Associations and whose tenure lasts only for a year may be given an opportunity of sending in supplementary subjects, as they have only a very short time to prepare their representations after their election.

(2) The election from these bodies may be directed to be made earlier, *i.e.*, in the month of June (*Vaisakha* or *Jyeshtha*) every year.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Rules for election of members to the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality; M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk; Krishnachar and Veene Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Pattas* stand in the name of one individual though the lands therein mentioned will have all been sold to different persons or will have been assigned to different members of the family. The payment of the prescribed amount of land revenue, as owners of lands, must therefore be a primary qualification for voting and election to the Representative Assembly in preference to the nominal holding of the *patta*.

The rules of 1894 do not insist upon the registry being in the name of a candidate. On the other hand, Section 1 (a) and Section 3 (a) say that “every person who pays on his account annually to Government land revenue, etc.” The words “on his account” do not refer to the holding of the *khate* but to the payment of revenue on his own behalf and not as agent or servant of the *khatedar*. But in some of the taluks, the words “on his account” are interpreted to mean as “registered holder” or *khatedar* and thus many persons who pay *kandayam* on their own account are omitted from the list of candidates qualified for voting and election, and the names of persons who do not own any land and therefore pay no *kandayam* and who may not even be alive are mentioned in the lists simply because *khate* stands in their names. This anomaly may be remedied by issuing a rule directing the local officers to include in the lists the names of persons, though not *pattadars*, who pay assessment on their own behalf as owners.

Mr. Venkatasamaiya.—In the case of joint families, lands are registered in the name of the eldest member of the family. The other members have therefore no chance of being elected.

Reply of Government.—Noted.